IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

IN RE : Chapter 11

NORTHWESTERN CORPORTATION, : Bankruptcy Case No. 03-12872

Debtor.

LAZARD FRERES & CO. LLC,

Appellant, : Civil Action No. 05-395-JJF

NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION,

ν.

Appellee.

FINAL ORDER

At Wilmington, this Aday of May, 2006, for the reasons set forth in the Memorandum Opinion issued this date;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The May 5, 2005 Order of the United States Bankruptcy
 Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of
 Delaware (Bankr. Case No. 03-12872) is <u>REVERSED</u> with respect to
 its award for professional services rendered;
- 2. The final fee application of Lazard Freres & Co. LLC ("Lazard") is approved and Lazard is allowed final compensation for in the amount of \$5,500,000.00 for its Restructuring Fee;

3. NorthWestern Corporation is authorized and directed to make payment to Lazard for such allowed compensation.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE